Table 3. Distribution of legal immigration by major class of admission from the Immigration and Naturalization Service: fiscal year 1998.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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Class of admission	Subject to numeric limit	Percent of INS legal immigration
Immediate relatives of U.S. citizens	no	43
Other family-sponsored immigrants	yes	29
Employment immigrants	yes	12
Refugees and asylees	no <sup>1</sup>	8
Diversity immigrants	yes	7
Other	no <sup>2</sup>	1
Total	(x)	100

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Annual numeric limits of refugees are determined by the President after consultation with Congress and can be lifted by the President throughout the year.

Source: Immigration and Naturalization Service. 2000. "Table A Class of Admission of Legal Immigrants: Fiscal Years 1988-98." Statistical Yearbook of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 1998. U.S. Government Printing Office: Washington: DC.

(x) Not Applicable.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 2}\,$  "Other" contains special categories which are generally unlimited (e.g. Cuban and Haitian entrants).